

REMARKS

Claims 12-21 and 30-39 are pending.

Applicant has canceled claims 1-12 in a preliminary amendment. In response to a restriction requirement, Applicant previously canceled claims 22-29. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 22-29 in a divisional application. Applicant has amended claims 12-21 and added new claims 30-39.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 12-21 are directed to allowable subject matter.

The Examiner rejected claims 12-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The Examiner also objected to informalities in claim 15. Applicant has amended claims 12-21 in accordance with the Examiner's comments and suggestions and to clarify the language of the claims. Applicant believes claims 12-21 were allowable prior to the amendments, and respectfully submits that claims 12-21, as amended, are allowable.

New claims 30-31 depend from claim 12, and are thus allowable for the same reason as claim 12.

Applicant believes new claim 32 is allowable because it recites,

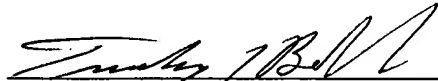
32. A transponder comprising:  
a chip having at least two contact pads; and  
at least two coupling elements, each coupling element self-supporting and free-standing with respect to the other and each coupling element electrically connected to a respective contact pad on the chip, wherein the at least two coupling elements are configured as a dipole extending parallel to a plane of the chip and a mounting height of the transponder is approximately a mounting height of the chip.

Applicant believes new claims 33-39 are allowable because they depend from new claim 32.

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In closing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter these amendments and to reconsider this application and its early allowance. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

Applicant is hereby submitting Replacement Sheets for Figures 2, 2a, and 3 with modifications as requested by the Examiner. Formal drawings for Figures 1 and 1a also have been included as Replacement Sheets.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets